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Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled:

> "Groups of countries in special situations:
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> "(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
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> "(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 22nd and 23rd meetings, on 5 and 6 November 2007. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/62/SR.22 and 23). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 8 to 10 October (see A/C.2/62/SR.2-6). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbol A/62/422 and Add.1 and 2.

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Letter dated 8 October 2007 from the representative of Pakistan to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at their thirty-first annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 27 September 2007 (A/62/488)

Item 57 (a)
Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/62/79-E/2007/63 and Corr.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the advocacy strategy on the effective and timely implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/62/322)

Letter dated 3 August 2007 from the representative of Benin to the Secretary-General (A/62/216)

Item 57 (b)
Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of preparations for the midterm review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries (A/62/226)

Letter dated 30 July 2007 from the representative of Mali to the Secretary-General (A/62/256 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 9 October 2007 from the representative of Mongolia to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/62/4)

Letter dated 5 October 2007 from the representative of Mali to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/62/5)

Letter dated 30 October 2007 from the representative of Mongolia to the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/62/9)

4. At the 22nd meeting, on 5 November, the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/62/SR.22).